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1. BIO DATA FOLLOWS:

2. DR. WILLIAM F. PIERCE, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR OCCUPATIONAL AND ADULT EDUCATION, U.S. OFFICE OF EDUCATION, DHEW, WAS BORN JULY THIRTY, 1932 IN BORGER, TEXAS. HE OBTAINED HIS B.S. (1958) AND M.ED. (1962) AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA IN DAVIS. IN 1967, HE OBTAINED HIS PH.D. FROM MICHIGAN STATE IN EAST LANSING. FROM 1963-64 HE WAS ASSISTANT COORDINATOR OF STUDENT TEACHERS AT MICHIGAN STATE AND FROM 1964-73, HE WAS A CONSULTANT/SUPERVISOR/

DIRECTOR IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION THERE. DR. PIERCE
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IS AFFILIATED WITH THE AMERICAN VOCATIONAL ASSOCIATION, THE

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF LOCAL ADMINISTRATORS OF VOCATIONAL AND PRACTICAL EDUCATION, AND THE ADULT EDUCATION ASSOCIATION.

3. MR. VICTOR VAN HOOK, PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN VOCATIONAL ASSOCIATION (AVA), WORKS WITH THE OFFICE OF EDUCATION, STATE DEPARTMENT OF VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL

EDUCATION IN STILLWATER, OKLAHOMA. HE WAS BORN APRIL TWELVE, 1924 IN SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI. HE OBTAINED HIS B.S. FROM SOUTHWEST MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY (1948) AND HIS M.S. FROM OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY (1950). HE WAS IN THE ARMY FOR THREE YEARS AND HELD CLERICAL AND TEACHING POSITIONS IN WASHINGTON, D.C. AND MISSOURI. HE WAS A FIELD REPRESENTATIVE FOR MC-GRAW-HILL FOR EIGHT YEARS AND SINCE 1965, HE HAS BEEN PRESIDENT OF AVA

HE IS LISTED IN "OUTSTANDING EDUCATORS OF AMERICA" AND IS ALSO A FORMER VICE-PRESIDENT OF AVA.

4. DR. EDMUND GLEAZER, PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES IN WASHINGTON, D.C., WAS BORN AUGUST TWENTY-FOUR, 1916 IN PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA. HE OBTAINED HIS A.B. (1938) FROM UCLA, M.ED. (1943) FROM TEMPLE UNIVERSITY AND DR. OF EDUCATION (1953) FROM HARVARD. HE WAS PRESIDENT OF GRACELAND COLLEGE FROM 1946-57, AND HAS HELD HIS CURRENT POSITION SINCE 1957. HE HAS PUBLISHED AND EDITED MANY ARTICLES AND BOOKS ON EDUCATION IN COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES. HE IS A MEMBER OF VARIOUS NATIONAL BOARDS OF DIRECTORS ON EDUCATION SUCH AS THE AMERICAN COUNCIL ON EDUCATION AND THE FOREIGN POLICY ASSOCIATION. DR. GLEAZER SERVED ON A PREVIOUS TECHNICAL EDUCATION DELEGATION TO THE USSR (1961); AND IN 1962, AT THE REQUEST OF THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, HE WAS INVITED TO KENYA TO STUDY THE NEED FOR JUNIOR COLLEGES IN THAT COUNTRY.

5. DR. JOHN W. STRUCK, STATE DIRECTOR OF VOCATIONAL EDUCATION IN HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA, WAS BORN DECEMBER ONE, 1922 IN HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA. HE OBTAINED HIS B.S. (1943), M.ED. (1951) AND PH.D. (1956) DROM UNCLASSIFIED

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PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY. HE HAS TAUGHT AT VARIOUS HIGH SCHOOLS IN PENNSYLVANIA, AND WAS AN INSTRUCTOR IN THE ARMY FROM 1943-46. HE HAS HELD SUCH POSITIONS AS DIRECTOR OF VOCATIONAL EDUCATION IN MILTON, PENNSYLVANIA; AND WAS ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AT BRADLEY UNIVERSITY IN PEORIA, ILLINOIS. DR. STRUCK WAS ALSO A TECHNICAL EDUCATION CONSULTANT AT THE AMERICAN TECHNICAL INSTITUTE IN BAGHDAD, IRAQ. FROM 1955-62,

HE WAS PROFESSOR OF EDUCATION AT THE DEPARTMENT OF VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AT FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY. HE HAS HELD HIS CURRENT POSITION FOR THE PAST THIRTEEN YEARS. DR. STRUCK HAS RECEIVED NUMEROUS CITATIONS FOR HIS WORK IN VOCATIONAL EDUCATION, AND IS PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE DIRECTORS OF VOCATIONAL EDUCATION.

6. DR. ROBERT E. TAYLOR, DIRECTOR OF THE CENTER FOR VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION AT OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY IN COLUMBUS, WAS BORN SEPTEMBER THIRTY, 1927 IN GRANTS PASS, OREGON. HE ATTENDED THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA (B.S., 1951 AND M.S., 1953) AND OBTAINED HIS PH.D. FROM OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY IN 1961. HE WAS ASSOCIATE DEAN AT THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND AGRICULTURE AT OHIO STATE BEFORE ASSUMING HIS PRESENT POSITION AT THE UNIVERSITY. HE IS CO-AUTHOR OR CONTRIBUTOR TO FIVE BOOKS ON VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION, AND IS CURRENTLY SERVING AS CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL OF EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND RESEARCH. DR. TAYLOR HAS BEEN A CONSULTANT TO THE U.S. OFFICE OF EDUCATION, VARIOUS STATE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND THE BATTELE MEMORIAL INSTITUTE. HE IS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE FOR VOCATIONAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT, NAS AND DIRECTOR OF THE CAREER EDUCATION SERIES, CHARLES E. MERRILL PUBLISHING COMPANY.

7. MR. DICK T. BOBBITT, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS AT THE AMERICAN TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY IN KILLEEN, TEXAS, WAS BORN FEBRUARY TWENTY-THIRD, 1925 IN MIDLOTHIAN, TEXAS. HE ATTENDED THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS IN AUSTIN AND WAS SUBSEQUENTLY EMPLOYED BY RCA CORPORATION. HE WORKED WITH THE EDUCATION PLANNING DIVISION AND IN 1971, HE BECAME DIRECTOR OF THIS DIVISION. HE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR DEVELOPING TECHNICAL, VOCATIONAL AND CAREER EDUCATIONAL UNCLASSIFIED

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LIAISON BETWEEN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SECTOR AND VARIOUS DIVISIONS OF RCA. IN ADDITION TO BEING CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS, MR. BOBBITT IS PRESIDENT OF INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH SYSTEMS.

8. MRS. MARGOT THORNLEY, DIRECTOR OF THE WISER INSTITUTE IN SEATTLE, WASHINGTON, WAS BORN AUGUST TWENTY-SECOND, 1926 IN BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS. SHE WAS AN EMPLOYEE OF THE POSTAL SERVICE, A HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATOR AND A NURSERY SCHOOL TEACHER BEFORE OBTAINING HER B.ED. (1967) AND M.ED. (1970) FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON. SINCE THEN, SHE HAS DONE EXTENSIVE WORK IN SPECIAL EDUCATION WITH EMPHASIS ON PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNICAL TRAINING. FROM 1966-69, SHE WAS HEAD TEACHER AT FIRCREST SCHOOL (A SCHOOL FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN); FROM 1970-75,

SHE WAS THE EDUCATION DIRECTOR OF THE NORTHWEST CENTER FOR THE RETARDED. SHE IS CURRENTLY A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL IN VOCATIONAL EDUCATION, AND FOUNDER/DIRECTOR OF BOTH THE WISER INSTITUTE AND THE CAMELOT CENTER FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN. AUTHOR OF "EVERY CHILD CAN LEARN...SOMETHING;" (1973), SHE HAS PUBLISHED IN MANY

JOURNALS ON MENTAL RETARDATION. SHE WILL BE LISTED IN "WHO'S WHO IN WASHINGTON" AND IS A RECIPIENT OF THE OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FROM THE WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION FOR RETARDED CITIZENS. SHE IS A MEMBER OF MANY NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS ON RETARDATION AND EDUCATION INCLUDING: WASHINGTON STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON VOCATIONAL EDUCATION, THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION ON MENTAL DEFICIENCY AND THE COUNCIL FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN. SHE HAS ALSO BEEN RECOMMENDED TO THE PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE ON RETARDATION. KISSINGER

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